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Construction begins at Fleet Recreation Center



Construction has started on the \$570,000 Fleet Recreation center located near the steam plant by the port. The center will provide fleet Sailors and Marines with e-mail, washing machines and various other items to welcome them to Rota.

Priorities identified at CMC - Ombudsmans conference

JOSN Justin Takasawa

The week-long Navy-Europe CMC Ombudsman conference ended Friday.

One of the biggest goals of the conference was to identify priorities and major issues said MMCM (SW/AW) Bob Hallstein-Fleet Master Chief.

"We spent the last few days providing and updating information on where we're at with various programs," he said.

"The second major thing that

we've achieved from this conference is getting the word out and making information available," he commented.

"These people that are here are members of the leadership team that interfaces with the Sailor's the most."

One of the biggest goals of the conferences is to improve the general quality of life for families and sailors here in Rota, said Hallstein.

"Now that we're on the right

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U.S., Spanish agreement extended for one year

JOC Jon McMillan

The bilateral agreement of cooperation between the United States and the Kingdom of Spain was extended for another year Thursday at a meeting in Washington D.C.

Secretary of Defense William Cohen met with Spain's Minister of Defense, Eduardo Serra to discuss NATO defense capabilities, Spain's role in Mediterranean security issues and about the bilateral agreement between the two countries.

"It gives me a great deal of pleasure to welcome Minister Serra back to Washington," Cohen said. "The defense relationship between the United States and Spain is extremely strong. Our forces are serving together in NATO peacekeeping missions both in Bosnia and Kosovo," he said.

Speaking through an interpreter, Serra told a crowd of reporters that Spain and the United States have excellent relations and the "bilateral

agreement of cooperation is functioning extremely well."

"In Europe we are saying today that the hour of defense has come. Now that we have the common currency in place, we believe that it is time for defense capacity to be enhanced in order to strengthen the link across the Atlantic," said Serra.

Commenting on NATO's much publicized military deficiencies - brought to the forefront during the Kosovo operation - Serra said Europe is serious when it comes to the defense capability initiative. This shift in perspective is welcomed by the United States said Cohen.

"We feel that NATO must take a number of initiatives. That's what we call the defense capabilities initiative. That Kosovo, while remarkably successful, also revealed a number of deficiencies. That has been the purpose of calling attention to these deficiencies and to express our desire to see other NATO members

as well as the United States take measures to correct them," he said.

While the operation in Kosovo revealed some deficiencies in NATO's military, Cohen was clear to point out America's appreciation for Spain's role in the Kosovo operation.

"We are very grateful for Spain's role in both Bosnia and also in Kosovo, not to mention their participation in helping us in dealing with Saddam Hussein. We have nothing but glowing compliments to pay to the Spanish people, Spanish government, the defense minister who has become a very close friend, that we regard this relationship as very, very important," said Cohen.

One of the reasons the relationship is important for the U.S. is the use of Spanish bases. "We used two Spanish air bases to support our troops during Kosovo," said Cohen. "And Rota, of course, is an impor-

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OCSC raises more than \$11K at Annual Bazaar

JOC Jon McMillan

In what people are calling the biggest and best ever Holiday Bazaar - Rota's Officer Civilian Spouses Club raised more than \$11K for local community groups during this weekend's event.

With more than 2,000 shoppers attending the two-day event, Bazaar vendors brought in more than \$40K in sales.

"They were very, very, very happy," said Kim Diaz, event coordinator. "They just kept complimenting us [on the turnout and success]," she added.

This was the event's 28th year and it boasted more than 60 vendors - including many crafts from local artisans - from at least nine different countries.

All the money raised from this event - an estimated \$11K - is given back to the Rota community.

The OCSC will accept applications for community grants in February and will meet in March to



More than 2,000 shoppers attended the 28th Annual OCSC Holiday Bazaar held this weekend.

decide how to allocate the money. More than 20 local community organizations, groups and clubs received money last year from the OCSC.

The Bazaar is traditionally the group's biggest event - and this year's event was no exception.

"It was a huge success," said Diaz. The event not

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Weekend weather forecast

Today 74/55	Friday 71/53
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Operation Foxtail**Base clean-up day set**

Each Naval Station department and tenant command will be responsible for a designated area to clean November 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Bulk dumpsters and recycling containers will be provided for the all hands cleaning. A walk down of each area will also be completed.

Dredging project wraps up after 90 days

JOSN Justin Takasawa

Rota's harbor dredging project is finally coming to an end.

For 71 days, three boats have worked, non-stop to clear Rota's port of built up sediment, said Lt. Glen Bourque, harbormaster. The operations ended this week, Bourque said.

"This is the first dredging since 1986," he said.

Bourque said the tides come in and deposit dirt and other sediment, reducing the depth of the harbor. Depth is crucial to the maneuverability of large ships, said Bourque.

The project officially began August 15 with the arrival of the first of the three ships, the surveying ship, Plevier. The second ship to arrive was the Rign Stroom. The Rign Stroom is a plough ship that scrapes the sediment detected by the Plevier.

The third and final ship in the dredging process is the Wado. The Wado collected the sediment and traveled six miles out to

sea to deposit it.

All of the ships were contracted by the Navy and are from a Holland based company, said Bourque.

"To date, the Wado has made 768 round trips," said Bourque.

He also added that the ships have worked 24 hours a day, seven days a week since day one of the project.

"My guys have stood watches 24 hours a day to keep track of weather, and port activity," said Bourque. The Port Operations division has had great cooperation with the Spanish during the project, said Bourque.

EOD has also helped operations run smoothly, said Bourque.

"They saved the ships' company around \$20,000 by repairing them under water," said Bourque.

"This project has made docking and undocking more safe," he said. Bourque also stated that it's important for the Navy to keep up on surveying the harbor to keep track of sediment deposit.

U.S./Spain, from cover

tant support facility for our fleet in the Mediterranean."

The agreement between the two countries was automatically extended after neither country opted to renegotiate. "We are very satisfied with our relations with the United States," said Serra. "These go back a very long time and are a mutual benefit to both countries. What we do want is to update some stipulations in the agreement, not to renegotiate the agreement," he said.

Bazaar, from cover

only helped the OCSC raise money for the community, it also directly benefited 13 non-profit organizations on base -- including the American Red Cross, DGF Music Club, Dance Alive, Rota Swim Club and Rota Little Theater.

"It was an opportunity for them to raise money too," said Amy Crofoot, OCSC treasurer. "They were able to use this event as a fundraiser and they also benefited from the shoppers," she said.

"We want to thank everyone for coming out to shop and support the community," said Crofoot.

"We'd also like to thank everyone who volunteered before, during and after the Bazaar," said Diaz.

Conference, from cover

road with housing and other main issues, we have to step back and ask, 'how can we streamline the process'," he added.

He said this was one of the major elements of the conference.

This is the second CMC Ombudsman conference held in the past two years -- both of which were held here in Rota.

One of the topics up for discussion during this 'update' is Naval Station Rota. "It is a very important facility of joint use between the two countries," said Serra. "We want things to continue that way. What we want is for there to be a certain improvement in terms of its infrastructure and its use," he said.

Specifics about the infrastructure and use improvements were not discussed at the press conference.

Rota donates over \$70,000 to Combined Federal Campaign

Lt. Matt Pearson

The 1999 Combined Federal Campaign finishes up on November 19th. As of October 31st, almost 700 people on Naval Station Rota had donated over \$70,000 to this year's campaign. In 1998, the base raised \$108,360 with 1096 members donating out of 2420 potential contributors (45%).

In August of this year, the European Commander, General Clark, set three goals for the campaign: 100% contact (i.e., everyone on base receives a pledge card and brochure), a 2% increase in participation, and a 5% increase in average donations. To meet these goals, NAVSTA Rota needs 47% of the approximate 2900 total contributors on base and an average gift of about \$104.

The average gift as of October 31st was \$103.88 which is right on par with General Clark's goal. It will take approximately 1400 contributors to reach 47% participation, so there is still much work to do.

The NAVSTA Rota CFC Project Officer, LT Matt Pearson of VQ-2, downplays the importance of the campaign statistics. "The numbers are necessary," says Pearson, "but the most

important thing is getting the word out to people that the CFC is a great way to give something back.

"We've all got a 'CFC Story' or know someone who does, and this campaign provides us all with an easy, effective way to help other people," Pearson also says. "Personally, I try to remind myself everyday how fortunate I am to have good health, a great job, and a great family and friends. I never want to take anything for granted because it can be gone in the blink of an eye. The CFC is my way to help others who are in need, because I hope when the day comes that I need help, someone will be there for me."

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-Lt Matt Pearson

This year there are over 1300 charities to choose from, and you can also choose to keep your donation in Rota by donating to the FSYP (Family Support and Youth Programs).

Last year, almost \$8000 raised through the CFC went to support Youth Activities Programs here on base.

Just enter "FSYP" as the agency code on your pledge card and your contribution stays right here in Rota. Make sure on your pledge card you enter either the correct four-digit agency code of your desired charity or write in "FSYP."

If not, your donation will be divided between all the family support & youth programs in the European Theatre.

Remember, all donations are tax deductible and each member can choose the specific charities to which he or she donates. Your Unit Coordinator can provide you with all the necessary materials and information.

If you have any other questions or would like additional information regarding this year's Combined Federal Campaign, contact LT Pearson at x1133 or check out the CFC-Overseas website at www.cfcoverseas.org.

Base looks at COMRATS issue

JOC Jon McMillan

In response to questions raised at base Captain's Calls, the Naval Station Supply department has been looking into the base's COMRATS, or commuted rations, policy.

More Sailors living in the barracks have started requesting COMRATS – and many of those requests have been denied because the member did not fall into a category that allowed the base to authorize the request. These request denials have often created confusion, myths and rumors regarding the base's policy, said Cmdr. Larry Arcement, supply officer for the base.

The base follows the military-wide policy outlined in the Department of Defense Financial Management Regulation (Volume 7A Chapter 25) said Lt. Eugene Esparza, Food Service Office at Naval Station Supply.

That instruction states that members "in a non-travel status" who have a job that "require[s] them to be absent from their permanent station" or that "their working hours or duties require them to buy a meal or meals from other than a government mess" are entitled to receive COMRATS. Nearly 90 people living in Rota's barracks currently meet those qualifications according to Esparza.

Sailors and Marines who don't meet the military's guidelines for COMRATS, also called BAS – the basic allowance for subsistence – but who occasionally miss meals because of work are entitled to what's called partial BAS. The partial BAS will reimburse the member for the meals

they had missed.

Claims for partial BAS will be handled on a case by case basis, said Arcement and should be submitted through a member's chain of command.

"The basic message is if you're living in the barracks you should be eating at the Galley," said Arcement. "The policy is in place because it's cheaper for the Navy to offer meals to its barracks residents at the Galley than to offer them COMRATS", said Arcement.

In addition to saving the Navy money, it helps barracks residents, too. Rota's barracks don't have full kitchens said Arcement and because of that Sailors and Marines need a place to eat.

The Galley recognizes that some people may not be able to get there during meal hours, said Esparza. "As a result, boxed meals are available for those who occasionally can't escape work to eat. Designated command representatives can make pickups. Cold and hot meals are available 'to go' between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.," he said.

The Galley only requires 15 minutes advance notice for 1-5 meals, one hour for 6-20 meals and three hours for more than 20 meals. "MIDRATS are available for pick up prior to 6 p.m.," Esparza said.

"We're trying to support the program at the Galley and the Sailors and Marines here," said Arcement. The COMRATS policy is a military-wide one, he said, and the base will continue to look at requests for COMRATS and approve all requests that meet the policy's standard.

'Adopt' a child for Christmas

Planning has begun for the Angel Tree program that's held each year during the holiday season. The program is designed to give Rota commands, departments and individuals a chance to 'adopt' a child for Christmas.

The Spanish Red Cross compiles a list of children whose basic clothing needs might go unmet during the winter and provides that list to the base coordinator. On the list are the children's names, gender and clothing sizes.

It's from this list that people can 'adopt' their child for the holidays by purchasing new clothing that is wrapped, tagged and given to the kids at a party in mid-December.

To adopt a child or a group of children, call the base community relations director at 2813.

Navy enhances voluntary education for Sailors

The Chief of Naval Education and Training (CNET) has implemented an enhanced voluntary education program which will streamline and expand the opportunity for Sailors to pursue college degrees during their Navy career by building, to the maximum extent possible, on the academic credit Sailors earn for Navy training and on-the-job work experience.

Called the Navy College Program (NCP), the program serves as the umbrella for the current components of voluntary education, and adds several new features, which integrate all components into a single system. The program is being introduced in three phases over the next year.

"In the past, young people joined the Navy to get money to go to college after their service," Chief of Naval Operations

ADM Jay L. Johnson said.

"This is a program that's going to make our Sailors more capable of doing their job," Adm. Jay Johnson, CNO said.

According to Deputy Director of Naval Training, Dr. Allen Zeman, "The Navy College Program is a systemization of a lot of existing programs.

It takes all the pieces of old programs that worked and creates a total education system. The goal is to create an environment designed to accommodate the varying academic needs of Sailors."

Sailors can visit academic advisors at the offices for advice on which degree path to choose.

For more information about NCP visit your local Navy College Office, or visit the web site at www.navycollege.navy.mil.

New Rec Rabbit dates offer service on weekends only

The Rec Rabbit will begin new operating dates next week and will only offer service on the weekends, according to MWR officials.

With the start of the new base shuttle system, which runs weekdays from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., the Rec Rabbit will scale back its service to Saturday and Sunday, and along with the PW shuttle, will complement 7-day-a-week transportation service on the base.

The Rec Rabbit will run on Saturday from 11 a.m. to midnight and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and will cease weekday service beginning Monday.

The route for the Rec Rabbit will stay the same, and the cost will remain 50 cents. All the stops will soon have the hours posted, not only for the Rec Rabbit weekend schedule, but also for the weekday PW schedule. The service for the weekday PW Shuttle is free.

News BRIEFS

Demonstration of shipyards workers

Around 220,000 European workers of 12 countries protested last Friday. The protest was organized by the European syndicates to defend the naval sector against the elimination of subvention and the unfair competency of the Asiatic countries.

In Cádiz, around 2,000 people demonstrated last Friday. Representatives of the Junta de Andalucía, the Congress, Majors of the towns in the Bay of Cadiz and some other authorities supported the demonstration.

The syndicates hoped to gain the support of the authorities and they hope that the Brussels authorities know that the shipyards are essential for Europe and especially for the Bay of Cadiz.

Train accident at El Portal

Three people died last Saturday night at El Portal when their car did not make a stop at a level crossing. The car, an Opel Corsa, skipped the line of cars, waiting to pass the railroad, and the train hit it. The Regional-Express Sevilla-Cadiz rolled over the car. The velocity of the train was 150 kms/hour and broke the car in two. The victims, a married couple and his sister-in-law, were residents of El Portal and died instantaneously.

Coffee house

There will be a coffee-house held on Monday, November 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the olive pit at the BOQ. Mission 3:16, a praise band, will be in concert. Admission is free and coffee and desserts will be served. Come out and enjoy some music, good coffee and delicious desserts in a relaxing atmosphere.

Great American Smoke-out

The Naval Hospital Health Promotion Department will sponsor a Great American Smoke-out 5K run/walk held at the fitness center on November 18 at 12 noon. For the first 50 couples (one of the two must be a smoker) to sign up will receive a free sweatshirt! To sign up call 3350.

Massage therapy

Need a stocking stuffer? This is a great idea for a Christmas gift. Massage therapy now offered at the fitness center. \$40/hour \$20/half hour. Choose from different massage therapists. Gift certificates available. Call 2565.

Massage open house

There will be a massage open house November 15 at the fitness center. Free reflexology. Come meet our massage therapists receive a free mini-massage. Call 2563.

Walking group exercise class

Wanting to work off those extra Turkey Day pounds? Want to keep those holiday pounds off? Calling all walkers, strollers, moms, dads and tots.

We are starting a walking group exercise class on November 29. It starts at 10 a.m. at the

housing pool parking lot Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. It's free! Call 2563

Toys for tots

On November 26 through December 24, the Marine Corps Security Force Company will be collecting toys for this year's Toys for Tots campaign.

We will start by collecting toys during operating hours in front of Toyland. Due to support, the Toys for Tots campaign has been a huge success for the past few years and we are looking forward to another prosperous year.

We will be collecting only new, unwrapped toys to be distributed to families in Rota. Don't forget kids older than twelve, since they are the most difficult age group to accommodate.

Makeup day for school pictures

The makeup day for pictures is Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. to noon.

So you want to get married? (Part II)

Cmdr. Edward White

[The following is continued from the article So You Want to Get Married from last week's Coastline]

If you plan to marry here in Spain in a civil ceremony, i.e. with a judge or mayor presiding, or if you want to marry in a religious ceremony in a church other than the Roman Catholic Church, you will need a civil marriage license from the Spanish

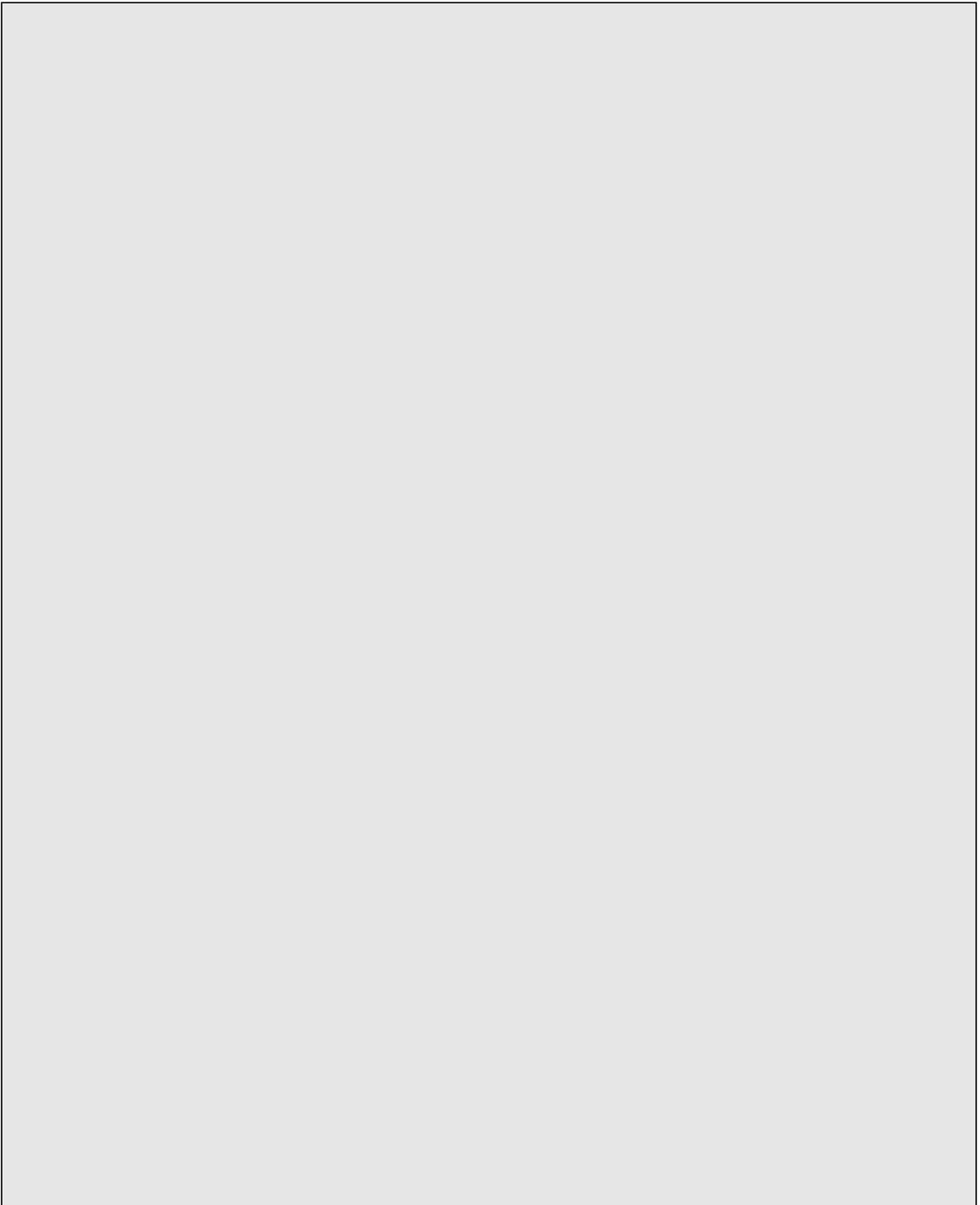
court.

Once you have begun the process to obtain CNA Spain's permission to marry, which was discussed in last week's article, you should make an appointment with the Spanish attorney at the Naval Legal Service Office Detachment (ext. 2531) on base.

The Spanish attorney will explain to you, and assist you to comply with, the local Spanish

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New NATO, EUCOM commander appointed

NATO has appointed Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, United States Air Force, to succeed Gen. Wesley K. Clark as Supreme Allied Commander, Europe. The appointment will become effective in May 2000.

In a letter from the President of the United States of America to the Secretary General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, who is chairman of the Defense Planning Committee, the President asked the member governments to agree to release General Clark from his assignment as Supreme Allied Commander, Europe.

The committee agreed with great regret to release General Clark. They expressed to General Clark, in the name of NATO governments, lasting gratitude for his distinguished service.

Echoing the sentiments of his NATO counterparts, U.S. Defense Secretary William S. Cohen said: "General Clark has

served his country and NATO with extraordinary skill and dedication. His leadership was central to the success of Operation Allied Force, which stopped the killing in Kosovo, and he has been instrumental in bringing stability to Bosnia.

NATO is stronger and Europe is more secure because of General Clark's leadership."

President Clinton was asked to nominate an officer of the United States for appointment as Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, to succeed General Clark.

In response to this request, the President of the United States wrote to the Secretary General to nominate General Ralston for consideration as successor to General Clark with the same powers and functions. In addition to the NATO position, General Ralston will be assigned as Commander in Chief, United States European Command.

Mount Whitney returns home after Mediterranean deployment

JOSN Ed Mekeel
USS Mount Whitney

NORFOLK, Va. (NNS) — After a journey that lasted more than five months and 19,800 miles, and included 10 port visits to six different countries, USS Mount Whitney (LCC/JCC 20) has completed the ship's first-ever Mediterranean deployment.

On May 19, 1999, Mount Whitney departed Norfolk, Va. to relieve USS La Salle (AGF 3) as Command and Control Platform for Commander, U.S. Sixth Fleet, homeported in Gaeta, Italy.

In the five months the ship was deployed to the Mediterranean, the crew achieved several milestones.

Mount Whitney provided a seagoing base of operations for the Sixth Fleet staff during operations in Kosovo.

Mount Whitney maintained constant, real-time communications with NATO vessels in their area-of-responsibility and coordinated Kosovo war efforts, including the planning of strategic Tomahawk missile strikes.

The ship also hosted several events geared toward diplomatic relations between the United States and its allies.

Its mission for Sixth Fleet now accomplished, the ship will resume its duties as Flagship for Commander, U.S. Second Fleet in Norfolk.

Rota Seabees win Battle E

Ensign Marc F. Williams

CAMP MONTEITH, KOSOVO — Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Three was awarded the Battle Efficiency "E" award for the 1999 fiscal year.

The Battle "E" recognition signifies the highest levels of performance in battle efficiency and contingency mission readiness. 'THREE' was able to demonstrate its contingency mission readiness by commendably supporting two separate contingency operations during its current European deployment.

The first occurred in May when a detachment of 150 Seabees left the Battalion's deployment site in Rota, Spain to support Operation Allied Harbor as a part of Joint Task Force Shining Hope in Albania.

Less than a month later the Battalion found itself headed into Kosovo to provide engineering support to Task Force Falcon, where over 300 Seabees constructed 64 Davidson SEAhuts within 90 days.

The award message from Rear Admiral Kubic, Commander Third Naval Construction Brigade, pointed out that the battalion had "responded superbly to contingency operations in Albania and Kosovo while providing excellent support for a DFT (Deployment for Training) in Latvia."

Still forward deployed to Kosovo,

NMCB-3 is taking great pride in winning the award for the first time since 1987. NMCB-3's Commanding Officer, Cdr. Kevin R. Slates, stated, "This award is the perfect ending to a very exciting deployment that is quickly drawing to a close."

The Pewaukee, Wisconsin, native added, "The battalion had a great homeport this year and has responded superbly to every challenge thrown our way this deployment. I am extremely proud of the men and women of NMCB-3 and am glad to be on their team."

NMCB-3's Command Master Chief, EQCM (SCW) Gerald Romero echoed Cdr. Slates' comments.

"I am extremely proud of NMCB-3. I am glad to see that I am not the only one who thinks highly of this battalion."

With the battalion's 1999 European Deployment nearly over this award is true recognition of the many accomplishments and challenges overcome while deployed to nine different locations. Lt. Christopher

Hodrick explained, "Winning the Battle E is a wonderful capstone achievement, testament to all the hard work and dedication put forth by past and present members of NMCB-3."

The Coal Township, Pennsylvania, native has served as the battalion's Delta Company Commander since May.-30-

Congress briefed on Soviet Union biological weapons program

WASHINGTON — Anthrax, plague, smallpox—the former Soviet Union had them all and was fully prepared to use them, a one-time leader of a secret Soviet biological weapons program told Congress recently.

Dr. Ken Alibek, former deputy director of Biopreparat, the civilian arm of the former Soviets' biological weapons program, appeared in October before a joint meeting of the House subcommittees on military procurement and military research and development. Alibek moved to the United States in 1992 and has since written a book, "Biohazard: The Chilling True Story of the Largest Covert Biological Weapons Program in the World."

Representatives called on Alibek, DoD and other civilian and military experts to clarify the capabilities of chemical and biological weapons. They also wanted perspectives on the threat the weapons pose to the United States and U.S. forces, especially if used by terrorists or rogue nations. Since the Gulf War, DoD has beefed up funding to accelerate fielding detection equipment and to develop improved defenses.

Alibek told committee members the Soviets launched their biological weapons program in 1928 and by the late 1980s had "the most powerful and sophisticated program of biological weapons in the

world." Biopreparat, the defense and health ministries and even the KGB were developing biological agents that could destroy people, livestock, agricultural crops, equipment and fuel, he said.

According to Soviet military doctrine, Alibek said, biological weapons would have been used in massive amounts to destroy military resistance during war. The KGB also had a sophisticated program to develop biological weapons for assassination, he added.

Anyone who doubts the effectiveness of these weapons is wrong, he stressed—a small, accidental outbreak of anthrax in the city of Sverdlovsk in 1979 killed hundreds.

"We still don't know how many people were killed, but we know that this biological weapon unfortunately ... worked perfectly," Alibek said.

With the Cold War's end, Russia downsized its biological weapons program and ordered its stockpiles destroyed, Alibek said. He believes only about 10 to 20 percent of the former Soviet capability remains today.

Proliferation of Russian knowledge and expertise in this field is evident as Russia continues publishing research and development work conducted in the 1980s and 1990s, Alibek said. He said he's convinced that the knowledge has spread to many countries and terrorist organizations.

Navy observes National Native American History

WASHINGTON (NWS) - Only one segment of the U.S. population can claim having one hundred ninety-thousand military veterans: Native Americans. Native Americans have proudly served the U.S. military for 200 years, and that's one small reason why the Navy and Department of Defense (DOD) are taking part in National American Indian History Month, November 1999.

Native Americans from Indian Territory were recruited by Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders and saw action in Cuba in the Spanish-American War in 1898. Nearly 12,000 Native Americans served in World War I. More than 44,000 American Indians, out of a total Native American population of less than 350,000 served with distinction between 1941 and 1945 in both the European and Pacific theaters. During the Korean conflict, Native Americans fought Communist aggression. More than 42,000 Native Americans — 90 percent of them volunteers—fought in Vietnam. And during Operation Desert Storm, over 3,000 Native Americans served in the Arabian Gulf.

The reasons behind this disproportionate contribution are complex and deeply rooted in traditional American Indian culture. Native Americans have cultural values which drive them to serve their country; one such value is a proud warrior tradition.

In the 20th Century, five American Indians have received the United States' highest military honor; the Medal of Honor. Given for military heroism "above and beyond the call of duty," these warriors exhibited extraordinary bravery in the face of the enemy and, in two of the five cases, lost their lives.

Reminders of the Native Americans and their impact on American culture are everywhere, from the names of the food on our plates to the names of the cities we live in. Soon we'll have another—on the new one dollar coin bearing the likeness of Sacagawea and her infant son. She traveled along with the Lewis and Clark expeditions and was valued as a translator and later, after bearing her son, as sort of a "white flag" to potentially hostile Native American Indians. With Sacagawea along for the 3,000 mile trip, Lewis and Clark's expeditions were viewed with curiosity rather than hostility since no warring party would arrive with a woman and a baby.

The contributions Native Americans have made to our country's freedom and to our cultural heritage are endless. Their legacy reminds us there is strength in diversity.

Over the next month, the Navy Wire Service will be featuring stories about Native Americans and their contributions to the military.

Holiday leave

Period 1: 5 p.m., Dec. 14 through 8 a.m. Dec. 29.

Period 2: 5 p.m., Dec. 29 through 8 a.m. Jan. 13.

Period 3: 5 p.m., Jan. 3 through 8 a.m. Jan 18.

Although it is preferred that leave be taken within the leave periods, it is understood that special circumstances warrant exception to the above.

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legal requirements for obtaining a marriage license.

The process to obtain a marriage license from Spanish authorities is separate from the process to obtain CNA Spain's permission to marry overseas.

Like all NLSO services, the assistance of the Spanish attorney is provided free of charge.

People who have used the services of private attorneys in this process have paid as much as \$1,000 or more for the same services the NLSO provides for free, and have seen the process drag on for the better part of a year.

Don't delay. Once you have decided to get married, make an appointment to see the Spanish attorney for advice, and get started on the right foot.

Publisher's Corner

Karen Lucas

This week you'll find the annual holiday shopping guide inserted with the Coastline. Hopefully, you will find it useful and of interest and will keep it past the holidays for reference.

There's a new restaurant on the Puerto-Rota road and it's something new around here - a Brazilian Grill - **Churrasquería Brasileña La Vaca Alegre**. It's an all-you-can-eat meat place, but not self service.

When you enter, you are given a piece of paper, red on one side, green on the other. When you want to be served more, the green side should be up, if you don't want anything at the moment, the red side should up.

The waiters walk around with meat on skewers and serve what you request: beef, veal, pork, chicken and several kinds of sausages. To accompany the meat there is salad, rice, fried plantain, onion rings and crisp fried potatoes. All this costs 2,000 pesetas. Beverage and dessert are not included.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings there is live Brazilian music. The restaurant opens at 7 p.m. every evening which makes it convenient for Americans. Also, there is a no-smoking dining room - a novelty in this part of the country. **La Vaca Alegre** is located right next to the English Centre. There is an ample parking lot next to the restaurant. We tried it on Sunday...the meats were delicious and it was fun. I'm sure it will be a success.

There are another two new ads this week for shops that are just around the corner from each other: **Chiqui Boom** on Avenida de la Libertad and **Puerto Muebles** on Avenida Dr. Marañón. At **Chiqui Boom**

you'll find the largest and most extensive selection of everything connected with babies from newborn up to three years of age: clothing, bassinets, strollers, cradles, chairs, etc. Definitely the best stocked shop of its type in Puerto.

Another **Chiqui Boom**, equally well-equipped, was recently opened in Cádiz. **Puerto Muebles**, furniture, design and decoration, is already popular with Americans. They have a large selection of furniture: sofas, sofa-beds, beds, etc. at excellent prices. They also have furniture made of American oak; a wood that is not very common here. If you're in the market for some new furniture, stop by and have a look.

Start the new year and the new century by learning some Spanish! Your time here will definitely be more enjoyable and enriching.

Trinity School will be offering 14 week Spanish courses starting on January 10th. There are four time slots available and a placement test is required. These exams will be administered from November 15th through December 3rd and December 13th through December 22nd from 5 to 7 p.m. There will only be 10 students per class and the price is very good - only 21,000 pesetas (approx. \$135) for the term. Students will receive a Trinity School Diploma and there will be an end of term Bodega visit. For more information or to make an appointment for the placement exam, give Ian a call at 956-871926 between 10 :30 a.m. and 12 :30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday or between 5 and 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Juguelandia or "playland" is now in full swing at **El Paseo Mall** and will continue through the 17th. The hours are 5 :30 to 9 :30 Mon. - Fri. and from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. For the

younger ones there is Twister, Play Dough and Playskool toys. For the older crowd there are electronics, puzzles K'nex where they can use their imagination to build surprising figures.

As advertised last week, **Pancho Villa's** Authentic Baja California Mexican Food, has Sunday Champagne Brunch from noon to 3 p.m. They offer chorizo with eggs, machaca eggs, huevos rancheros with beans, potatoes and hot tortillas with your choice of champagne, juice or coffee.

The menu may vary slightly from one week to the next. They also have a "Happy Hour" from 7 to 9 p.m. I tried the fish tacos the other night and really enjoyed them.

This Saturday, November 13th, there is a fashion show at the **Casino Bahía de Cádiz**. It will be held in the Azar night club and starts at 10 p.m. Entrance is free.

Last week we went back to **Los Argentinos** in Rota. Once again, the beef was excellent and the price was right. A real good value.

Let's hear from you ! Send your inputs to me by fax to 956-542997 or by e-mail to COASTPUB@santandersupernet.com

Birth announcements

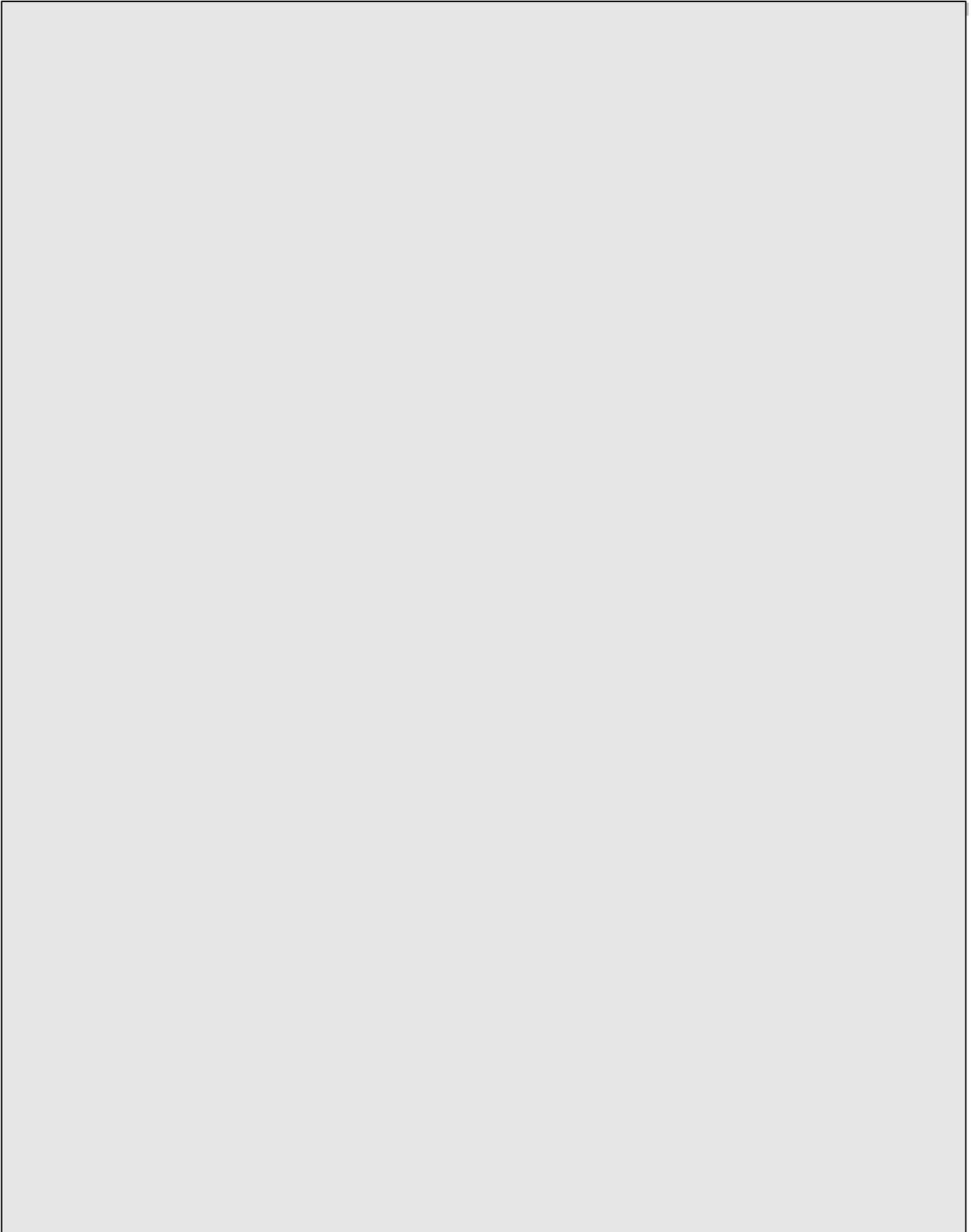
Ahissa Breanna Rice, daughter of Caryll and Barbara Rice was born September 23, 1999 and weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz.

Elizabeth Joy Schilling, daughter of John and Sandra Schilling was born Oct. 30, 1999 and weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz.

Tell us what you think

Coastline welcomes your comments on articles published and would like your feedback.

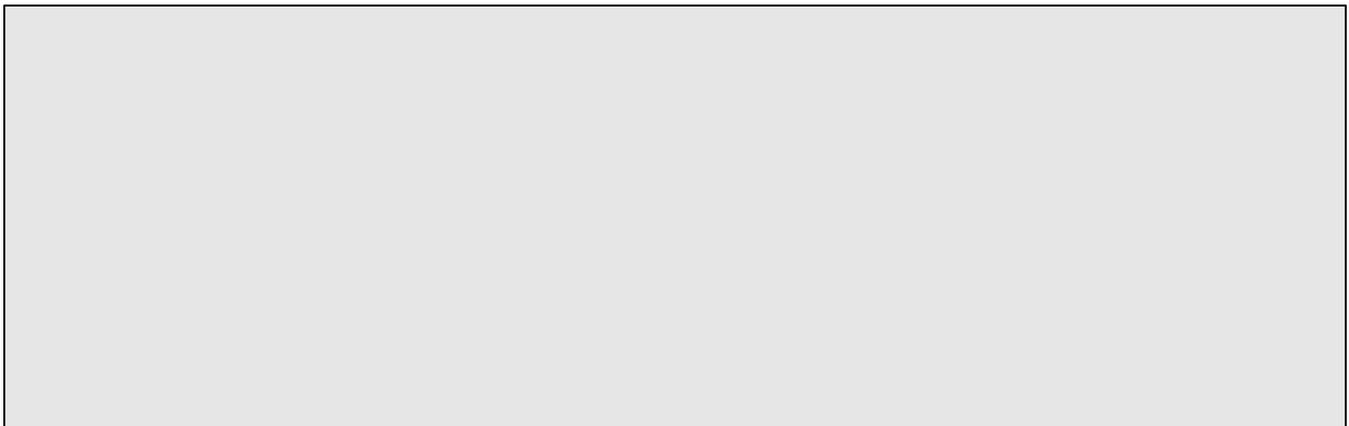
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Month at a glance

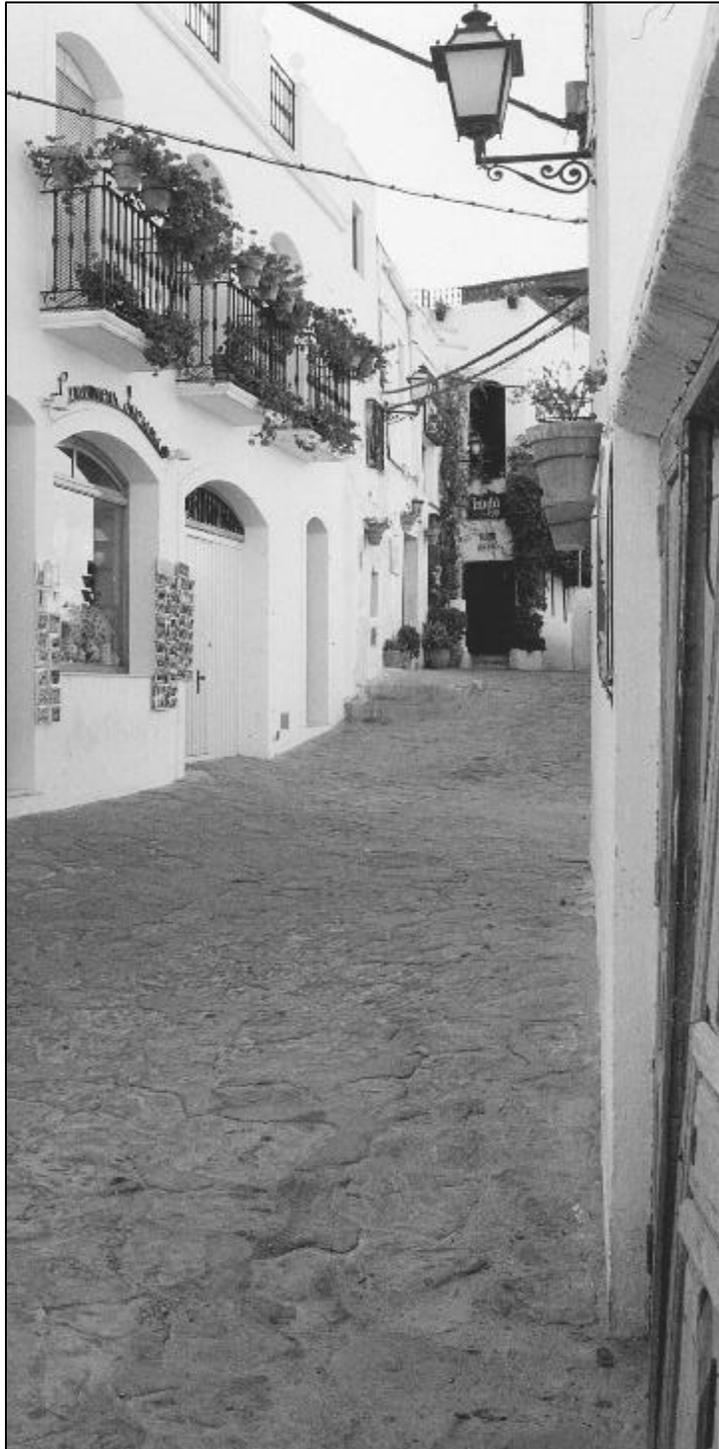
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>November & December</h1>			10 Marine Corps Birthday (1775) DGF H.S. Parent-Teacher Conference Day (No School) DGF Elem. Parent-Teacher Conference Day (No School) CFC 24-Hour Relay Race, Begins 9 a.m., call 2524	11 Veterans Day	12 Captain's Call at 12:05 p.m. on Hot 102.5FM Gypsy Lunch, Liberty Program, call 2527	13 CFC Charity Golf Tournament, 11 a.m., call 2260 ITT Cordoba Day Trip, call 3101 JAMS (1-6 grade) San Fernando Mall Trip, call 4625
			14 Sunday School, DGF, Protestant, 9:00-9:50 a.m.; CCD, 10:30-11:30, Call 2161	15 NAVSTA Indoc this week America recycles day	16 DGF Elementary PTO, 6:30 p.m., Parent Connection Room ITT Trip to Sevilla Shopping, call 3101	17 DGF High School SAC, 4 p.m., School Library Parents Night at DGF, 5 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 6:30 p.m. ITT Trip to Gibraltar Shopping, call 3101
21 Captain's Cup Swim Meet, 9 a.m., Aquatics Center, call 3108 Sunday School, DGF, Protestant, 9:00-9:50 a.m.; CCD, 10:30-11:30, Call 2161	22 Military Family Appreciation Week Flag Football Camp begins, JAMS TAP Seminar, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Call 3232	23 ITT Trip to Sevilla Historical, call 3101 DGF Elementary SAC, 3:50 p.m., Parent Connection Room TAP Seminar, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Call 3232	24 Garmisch Ski Trip, Liberty, 24-28, call 2527 Parents and Tots, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Call 3232 TAP Seminar, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., Call 3232	25 Thanksgiving Day Thanksgiving Buffet, Reflections 1 - 7 p.m. Running with the Turkeys (5K run), 9 a.m., call 2563 Thanksgiving Feast for Single Sailors, 2 p.m., Cadiz Room	26 No School for both Elementary and High School Gypsy Lunch, Liberty Program, call 2527 Toys for Tots campaign begins	27 The Edge (Teens) Sevilla Mall Trip, call 4625 JAMS (Ages 10-12) Lip Sync Contest, 6-7 p.m., call 4625
28 First Sunday of Advent DGF E-school Bookfair begins Sunday School, DGF, Protestant, 9:00-9:50 a.m.; CCD, 10:30-11:30, Call 2161	29 E-6 Leadership Continuum Course (until Dec. 10)	30 ITT Trip to El Colorado Cermanic Shopping, call 3101	1 Free Aqua Aerobics weekly, call 2129	2 Your Event Could be scheduled here, call 2491	3 Hanukkah begins	4 Army-Navy Game
5 Sunday School, DGF, Protestant, 9:00-9:50 a.m.; CCD, 10:30-11:30, Call 2161	6 Adopt a Child for Christmas (Angel Tree Program), Call 2813	7 Pearl Harbor Day	8 Your Event Could be scheduled here, call 2491	9 DGF Band Concert, MPR, 7 p.m.	10 Human Rights Day Goo Goo Dolls Celebrity Show, bldg. 580	11 Spanish-American Golf Tournament, 10 a.m., call 2260

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Mojácar

Rota's could-be Sister City



story and photos by
JOC Jon McMillan

Except for the fact that Mojácar sits on a towering cliff a mile away from Spain's East Coast – Mojácar could be Rota. It's small, cosmopolitan and picturesque. In fact, both towns are classic white villages and both towns rely upon Spain's booming tourist industry as one of its primary sources of income.

The difference is Mojácar was completely fabricated to become a tourist destination. After the Spanish Civil War the town just kind of withered away as all the young people left for the big city. In the 1960s though, the town was 'rediscovered' by a group of young professionals – doctors, lawyers and artists.

They turned the dying town around by building chic bars and cafés, upscale boutiques and one

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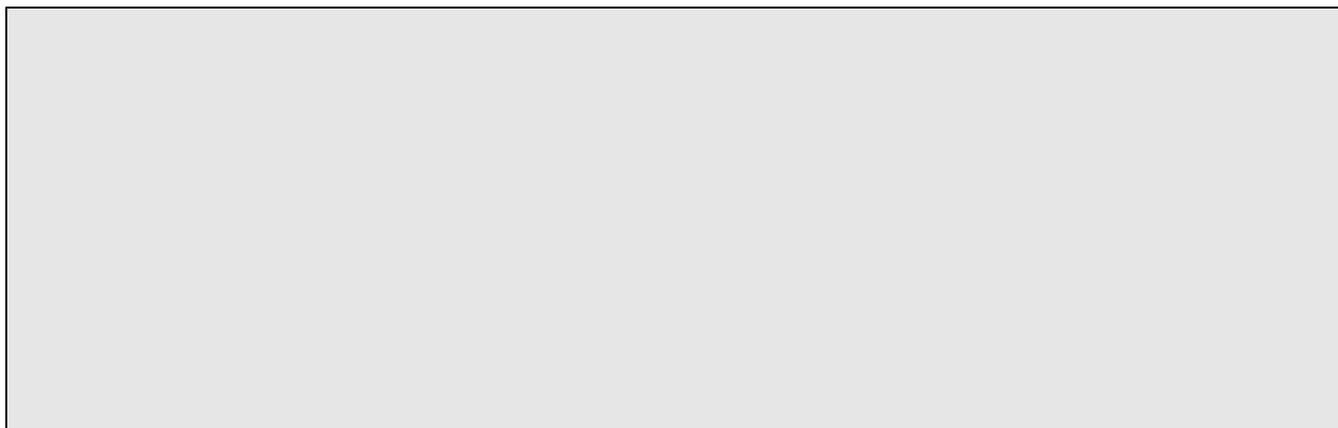
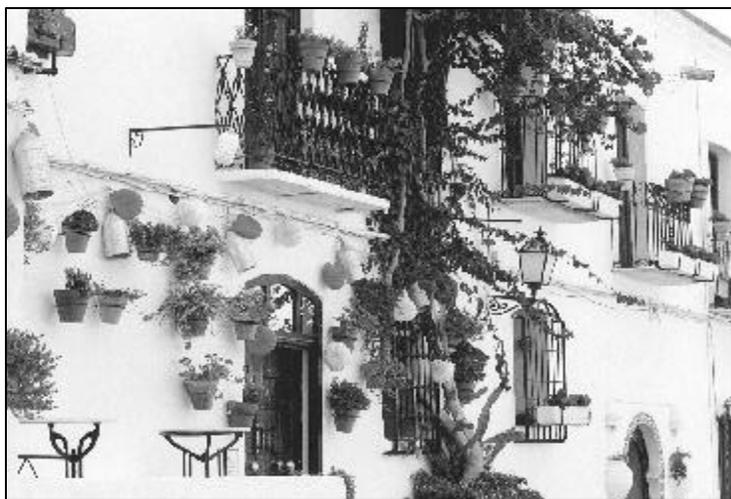
Mojácar

really, really really large parking lot. I kid you not, this town has one huge parking lot – and it's even free. Now if you go to Mojácar you'll truly appreciate that huge parking lot.

You see, you're driving along the Mediterranean coast and you see this glimmering white village jutting out of the ground super high into the sky. You approach either through the strangely remote and country-like northern route or the Miami-like southern route. Either

way, there's only one entrance to Mojácar – at least only one entrance I found.

You drive up and up and up and up this winding road until you almost reach the top and you notice parking is scarce. But, you can go down and down and down and down and you'll get to this great parking lot. From there you can walk (sure, it's uphill again, but hey, think about the end of the day – it's all downhill to the car!) around



this interesting and picturesque town.

It does look a lot like Rota – or other quaint white villages – but, the shops and the bars and the cafés are great. There are a million and two tourists

Mojácar is located north of Almería. Take the N340/E15 north towards Murcia for about 60 miles and then take a very small highway -- AL 152 east to Mojácar. After touring the town, take the N341 south for a beautiful drive to Carboneras and then back to the main highway.

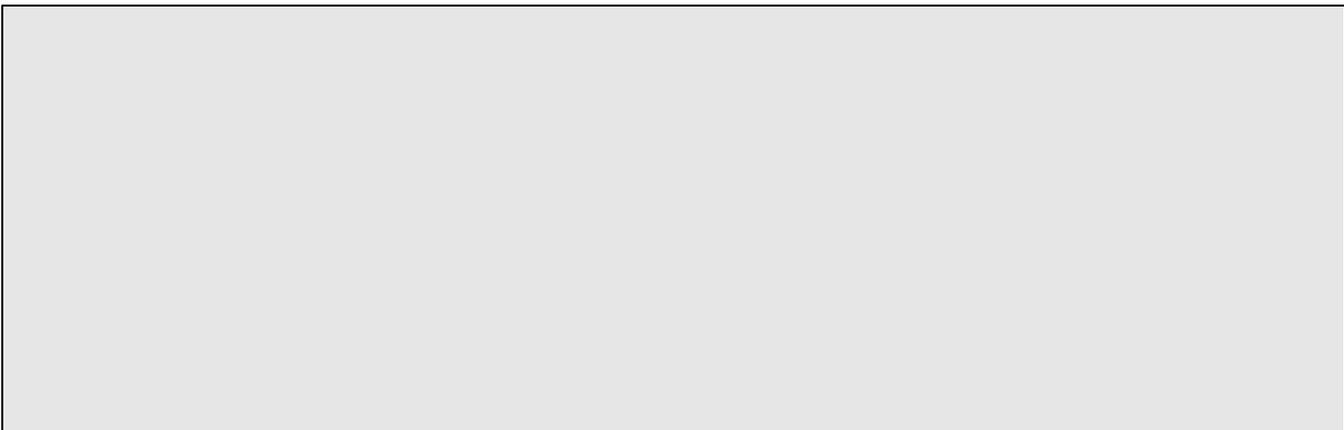


there in the summer and its just plain fun hanging out there, listening to the different languages, seeing the variety of people and getting lost in the ever winding maze of small streets.

While I couldn't recommend travelling all the way to Mojácar just to see Mojácar – I do recommend stopping by the town after a trip to Almería. Take a drive south of Mojácar along the coast and,

if you're from Northern California or Oregon, you'll strangely feel at home. It's truly a beautiful drive where the desert of Almería meets the sea.

Out of all the town's I've visited so far in Spain – Mojácar is the one the resembles Rota the most – but, even so, it has it's own quaintness and coolness. Perhaps it'd be better to call it Rota's could-be Sister City.



8 DAYS

Coastline's listing of events and activities for the next eight days. Send your submissions to coastline@navsta.rota.navy.mil

a week

Today

Holiday Shopping Fever

Travel with ITT, November 11, to La Rambla for a ceramic shopping extravaganza. Call ext. 3101 for more information.

Need your rotors turned?

Auto Hobby Shop has a 50% discount on rotors turned on November 11. Call ext. 2268 for more information.

Barcelona

From November 10-14, travel with Liberty program as it sets off on an adventure to this 2,000-year-old city. See the blend of old and new in the city that hosted the 1992 Summer Olympics. Cost is \$195. Call ext. 2527 for details.

Ping-Pong anyone?

Liberty hosts a Ping-Pong tournament today at 6:30 p.m. Call ext. 2527 for more information.

Thursday Nov. 11

Movie.

Rock cycle. Original Version, "Quadrophonia", Great Britain, 1979. 2 Plaza del Ave Maria, Edificio S. Luis, El Puerto, 8 p.m.

Friday Nov. 12

Roman Roads

Travel the path of the Romans who occupied cities throughout Spain. On November 12-14, visit the cities of Italica, Merida and Caceres. Stop by the ITT office for the itinerary and sign up for this exciting trip. Call ext. 3101 for information.

Flag Football Camp

Sign up at JAMS by November 12. Registration fee is \$10 and the camp runs from November 22 thru December 18. T-shirts, games and awards for children ages 7-12. Sign up now or call ext. 2382 for information.

Bodega

ITT takes you on a bodega tour, November 12, which includes a wonderful flamenco show. Call ext. 3101 for information.

Gypsy Lunch

Celebrate National Peanut Butter

Month with Liberty at Expeditions, November 12, with free sandwiches. Call ext. 2527 for details.

Music.

Blues. "Boniatto Blues Band", at Café Du Mundo & Copas, Ribera del Rio St., El Puerto, 11 p.m. Jazz. "Abdu Salim Trio", at Sala Milwaukee, 11 p.m. Price: 300 ptas.

Flamenco

at Peña Flamenca "Tomás El Nitri" Conference about Flamenco and Bullfights. Antonio Puerto and Antonio Nuñez (guitars), 1 Diego Niño St. El Puerto, 10 p.m. Concerts season. Rosa Torres-Pardo. Villamarta Theater, 9 p.m. Information and tickets at 956-329-507.

Theater.

Tántrico Teatro presents "Hermanos de Sangre" at Casa de la Cultura, Rota, Nov 12-13, 9:30 p.m.

Paints Exhibition by Milagros Montes.

Café Pub Blanco y Negro, 10 Ricardo Alcón St., El Puerto. Through November 18. Hours: 7 p.m. to early in the morning. Paints exhibition by a group of artists. Centro Cultural Alfonso X El Sabio, El Puerto. Through November 28. Hours: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. Paints Exhibition by Jesús Nuñez y Muñoz. Pen and Oil paints at Castillo de Luna, through November 16.

"Salvador Dalí.

Album de Familia" Photographs exhibition of Dalí and his wife

Gala, at Pescaderia Vieja Jerez.

"Allegories" P

aints exhibition by Milagros Montes. Café-Pub Blanco y Negro, through November 18. "Velazquez and Sevilla" Paints exhibition through December 12. Tickets at El Corte Ingles or Hipercor. Reserves by phone 902-400-222.

Saturday Nov. 13

Flamenco.

Monday - Saturday at "Lagar del Tio Parrilla", Jerez. Plaza del Mercado beside the Archeological Museum.

Monday Nov. 15

Booklet Sales

Each \$25 booklet is good for 20 games. Rota Lanes offers these special booklets, November 15, 16 & 30. Call ext. 2112 for information.

Barefoot Nuns...

Roman Catacombs and a 15th century Gothic Cathedral are all part of your tour, November 10, through this white town of Medina Sidonia, located southwest of Arcos de la Frontera. Call ITT for more information at ext. 3101.

Deadline for mailing

November 15 is the deadline for your mailings to ensure delivery in time for the holidays. Liberty provides holiday gift wrappings. Stop by or call ext. 2527 for details.

Adirondack Chair

MWR's Wood Hobby Shop offers classes on November 15-17 from 5-8 p.m. Call ext. 2284 for information.

Mall Run

JAMS takes youngsters, 1-6 grades, to the San Fernando Mall on November 13. Cost is \$3 and the fun is free. Call ext. 4252 for details. Sewing for Kids Craftech offers classes for kids, November 13 & 20, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Call ext. 2550 for details.

Flower of the Moorish Empire

On November 13, venture with

ITT to Cordoba. Witness the splendor of this beautiful historical city filled with the remains of Spain's Moorish influences. Call ext. 3101 for information.

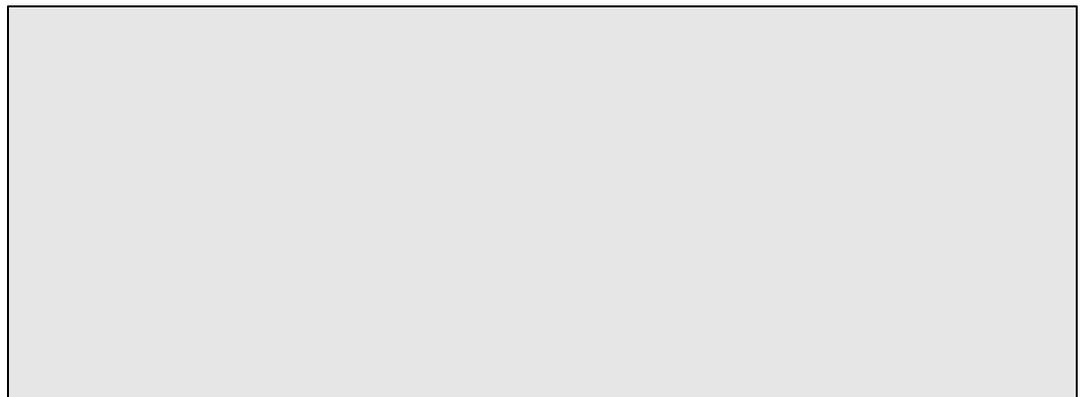
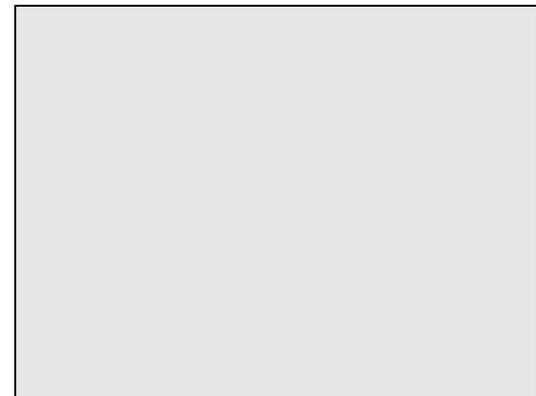
Tuesday Nov. 16

History and Shopping

Sevilla is a beautiful historical city and also is a wonderful shopping area. ITT provides the transportation on November 16. Call ITT at ext. 3101 for details.

'99 Captain's Cup Swim Meet

Rosters are due November 16 at the organizational meeting. The



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'99 Captain's Cup Swim Meet is scheduled for November 21, 9 a.m., at the Aquatics Center. Call ext. 2129.

Sing you heart out...

November 16 at 8 p.m., Reflections offers you a place and an audience, and even a chance to win some cash! Call ext. 2851 for details.

Wednesday Nov. 17

Shop 'til you drop

Gibraltar offers a mall and a wide variety of shops, pubs and cafes. ITT takes you there on November 17. Call ext. 3101 for information.

Thursday Nov. 18

No Smoking!

Join the Great American Smoke Out on November 18 with free gum and candy at Expeditions. Call ext. 2527.

Horse Show

See the famous Andalucian Dancing Horses, visit a bodega and discover why Jerez is famous for its sherry all in the same day, November 18.

8-Ball

On November 17 Liberty hosts an 8-Ball tournament at 6:30 p.m.

Call ext. 2527 for info.

Lyric season. Barbara Hendrick; Orquesta Sinfonica de Cannes. Symphonic Orchestra of Cannes, 9 p.m. Villamarta Theater, 9 p.m. Information and tickets at 956-329-507.

Sport: XIX Urban Race

"Ciudad de Chiclana". Therace will start and finish at Hormaza St. in Chiclana, on November 14. Distances are 8 Kms. Trophies to first 3 in each category. T-shirts to first 300. Information and Registration at Comrel, ext. 2813.

Cross country race.

The town of Puerto Real will be holding a Country cross Race on November 14, 11 a.m. The race will start and finish at rio San Pedro. Women 4 Kms, Men 8 Kms. More information at Comrel, ext. 2813.

II Triathlon Indoor "Ciudad de Torremolinos". December 5, in Torremolinos. More information at Comrel X2813

VII Popular Race "Elio A. de Nebrija".

Lebrija will be holding a Popular Race on December 12, 1999, 11 a.m. 14 Kms. First, second and third prizes: 40,000 ptas, 30,000 ptas and 20,000 ptas and trophies. Ruffle of a "Moun-

tain Bike" between the runners ending the race. Party after the race at Caseta Municipal. Tasting of beer and tapas. Registration fee: 500 ptas. Information at Comrel, ext. 2813. Ongoing Red Pin Bowling Every Monday & Tuesday in November at Rota Lanes, make a strike when the head pin comes up red and your game is free. Call ext. 2112 for more info.

Dance classes

MWR offers private and group dance lessons in ballet, tap and jazz, pre-dance classes for 3-5 year olds, as well as parent-child dance classes. Call the dance instructor, JulieAnn at ext. 4458 for more information. Class sizes are limited.

Sew Fine!

Cynthia teaches the fine points of sewing that will get you started on an interesting and rewarding hobby. Call Craftech at ext. 2550 for more details on these classes and much more.

Aqua Aerobics

Try deep or shallow water aerobics Monday through Friday. There are several class times to choose from, so call ext. 2129 for details.

Native American Heritage Month

The MWR Library has all kinds of information on Native American culture and traditions. Call ext. 2418 for information.

AutoHobby

Every Wednesday tires and balancing are 50% off. Call ext. 2268.

Auto Used Parts Emporium

Every Thursday get 25% off everything. Call ext. 1530.

Christmas Ceramic Molds

Get 10% off all Christmas molds in November. Call ext. 2550.

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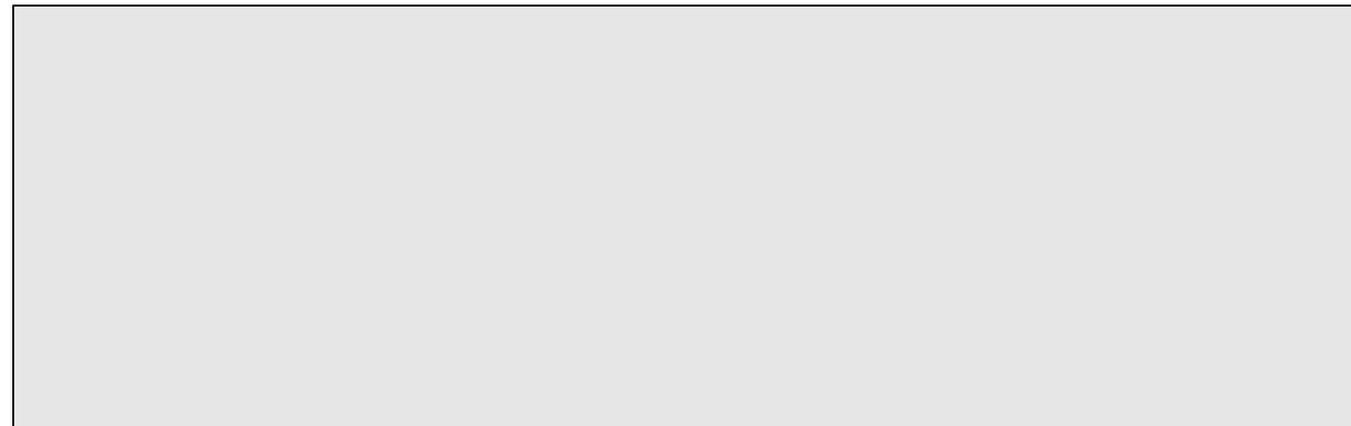
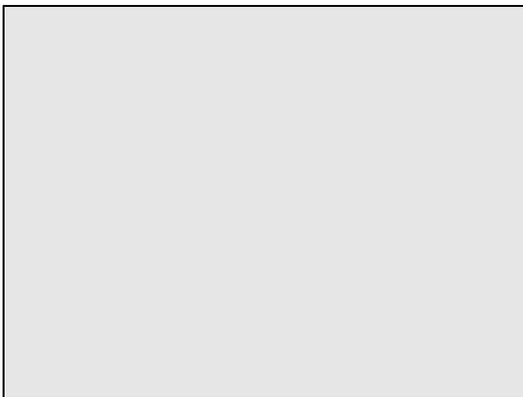
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RELIGION

Navy Family Service Center

Parents and tots

This group, for parents with children (birth to 4 years), will allow you to share your ideas with other parents and have fun! It is ongoing every Wednesday from 1130-1300 and is held in room 201 at DGF School. Call Navy Family Service Center at 3232 if you have any questions.

Communication and assertiveness

November 16, 5:15-8:p.m.

Learn effective listening skills, develop the ability to clearly state your needs and increase self-fulfillment. Lack of communication and assertiveness skills fosters loneliness and frustration with daily interactions in the work place as well as in the home. Become a better communicator and take an active part in personal growth. Don't take our word for it, call 3232 to attend and apply the skills in your personal life. You be the judge!

Anger management

November 17, 5:15-7:15 p.m.

Anger is a physical and psychological response. When understood, anger can appropriately be used to motivate, effectively communicate ideas through assertive behavior, and assist in establishing appropriate personal boundaries. The goal is not to eliminate anger but to manage it effectively. Call 3232 to reserve a seat to increase your quality of life!

Stress management

November 18, 5:15-7:15 p.m.

Learn to deal more effectively with life stressors such as work performance, safety, familial and social relationships, physical health and readiness, and more. This experiential class teaches you specific techniques for dealing with a variety of stress types. Call 3232 to sign up.

Smooth move

Due to Thanksgiving Holidays, Smooth Move for November will be 18 November at the NAVLEAD building, from 12:30-4:30. Contact your Career Counselor to sign up.

Military family

appreciation week

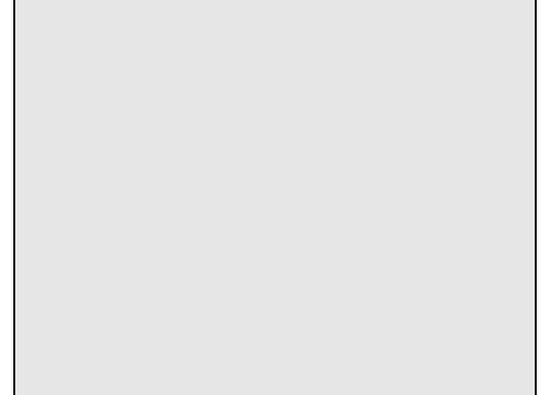
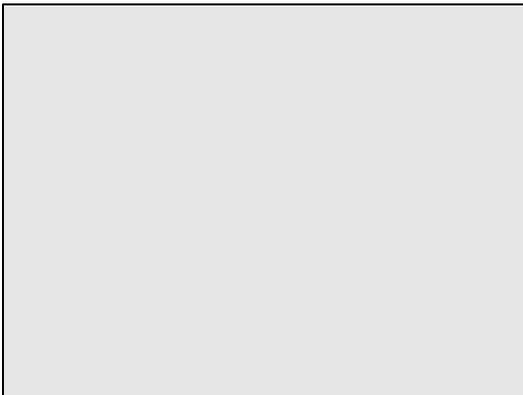
Contest entries for preschool age children through adults are being accepted until November 16. Judging will be November 17. Prizes will be provided by the NEX. For more information, call the Navy family service center at 3232.

What factors make families strong and healthy?

By Barry Francke

1. Sharing life together.
2. Caring for each other.
3. Communicating effectively with each other.
4. Valuing each other.
5. Connecting spiritually for well being.
6. Growing together through challenges (coping with daily hassles and life crises).
7. Love one another right now.

Super Sunday Night program and the Youth Group



Thrift Savings Plan may come to military

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Service members may get the chance in 2001 to build retirement nest eggs in the federal Thrift Savings Plan, but only if serious obstacles are overcome.

The Thrift Savings Plan is a savings vehicle, said Navy Capt. Elliott Bloxom, DoD director of compensation. "It is an opportunity for people to save for future requirements," he said.

"We think our people ought to enjoy

that same ability to save for the future as anybody else."

The fiscal 2000 National Defense Authorization Act contained a provision that would allow members of the uniformed services to join the investment plan.

TSP contributions come off the top of the participants' income, thus lowering their taxable income, withholding and income taxes.

While the authorization act would allow TSP enrollment, it also requires that legislation be proposed and enacted that

would offset tax revenue losses through 2009 caused by members sheltering income in the plan. DoD officials estimate more than \$480 million in offsetting legislation must be enacted to make service members' TSP participation a reality.

The offset requirement is a new wrinkle, TSP officials said. The last major increase in TSP membership, the addition of judicial branch workers, had no such requirement.

Another hurdle, TSP officials said, is the sheer size of the uniformed services. The TSP currently has 2.5 million participants.

DoD alone could potentially double the rolls — it has 2.6 million active and reserve members in uniform. TSP officials said there would probably be some growing pains.

Additionally, TSP officials have advised DoD the plan would need about \$10 million to allow reserve component members to participate. Absent this appropriation, they would assess annual administrative charges of 8.4 percent of reserve participants' account balances and 1.5 percent of active duty participants' account balances. Such charges would make participation by the military unattractive, DoD officials said. Federal civilian employees pay only .06 percent in annual administrative fees.

TSP is a tax-favored retirement savings and investment plan established by the Federal Employees Retirement System Act of 1986. The military participation authorized by Congress would be in addition to the military retirement system and would not replace it.

All federal civilians can participate in the TSP, although the rules differ depending, generally, on their date of employment. Civilian employees who came aboard after the 1986 law took effect can contribute up to 10 percent of their yearly base incomes or a \$10,500 maximum in 2000. The federal government matches the first 5 percent of their contributions.

Most service members, however, would join TSP under the rules applied to Civil Service Retirement System workers — those employed before FERS took effect. These workers can invest up to 5 percent of their annual income, also to a

\$10,500 maximum in 2000, but with no government match.

If implemented, a service member would be able to invest up to 5 percent of basic pay and part or all of any bonus money received so long as the total the member contributes for the year does not exceed \$10,500. The government would not match these contributions, but the Defense Authorization Act contains a limited matching program: It allows each service the discretion to match contributions of members in certain hard-to-fill military specialties.

The TSP contribution rules reflect the differences in employee retirement systems. CSRS employees contribute to a nonportable retirement plan that pays liberal pensions, but only to careerists. The three-part FERS retirement package of TSP, Social Security and a small pension guarantees less but is portable.

It was created to make federal employment more attractive to persons who change jobs or who might not make a career of federal service.

While contribution rules differ, TSP's tax advantages are the same for all. TSP is like a civilian 401(k) plan. That is, the government defers income taxes on contributions, match funds and earnings until they're withdrawn, which is usually after workers retire. This is in addition to lowering current taxable income and income taxes.

TSP offers a choice of investments in three funds: the Government Securities Investment G Fund, the Common Stock Index Investment C Fund and Fixed Income Index Investment F Fund. Each fund has a different pay-off and risk. Participants can allocate their deposits and balances among any or all the funds.

The government guarantees G Fund investments and earnings. G Fund earnings rates tend to be lowest of the three, but virtually no risk is involved. The G Fund earned 5.66 percent in fiscal 1999.

The government does not back the C or

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MOVIES

Motion Picture Association of America movie ratings:
 G—General Audiences, All ages admitted;
 PG—Parental Guidance Suggested, Some material may not be suitable for children;
 PG-13—Parents Strongly Cautioned, Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13;
 R—Restricted, Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

MWR's Movie Information Line extension is 2624. Remember all movies are free.

Drive In schedule:

Friday—Stigmata (R)
Saturday—For Love of the Game (PG-13)
Sunday—The Sixth Sense (PG-13)
 Drive-in movies begin around 7:30 p.m.

At the Gateway Auditorium:

Today

3 p.m. The Iron Giant (PG)
 6 p.m. For Love of the Game (PG-13)
 8:30 p.m. Stir of Echoes (R)

Thursday

3 p.m. Inspector Gadget (PG)
 6 p.m. The Sixth Sense (PG-13)
 8:30 p.m. Stir of Echoes (R)

Friday

7 p.m. The Sixth Sense (PG-13)
 9:30 p.m. Stir of Echoes (R)

Saturday

3 p.m. Dudley Do-Right (PG)
 7 p.m. Blue Streak (PG-13)
 9:30 p.m. Stigmata (R)

Sunday

3 p.m. Dudley Do-Right (PG)
 6 p.m. Blue Streak (PG-13)
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Wednesday

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The Iron Giant (PG - for fantasy action and mild language)
 Animation; Vocals of Jennifer

Aniston, Harry Connick, Jr., Cloris Leachman (85 mins.)
 A giant metal machine falls to Earth in 1958 and frightens the residents of a small town in Maine, until it befriends a nine-year-old boy named Hogarth.

The Sixth Sense (PG-13 – for intense thematic material and violent images)
 Thriller; Bruce Willis, Toni Collette, Olivia Williams, Haley Joel Osment (107 mins.)
 8-year-old Cole is haunted by a dark secret: he is visited by ghosts. Cole is too young to understand his purpose and too terrified to tell anyone about his torment, except child psychologist Dr. Malcolm Crowe. As they try to uncover the ominous truth about Cole's abilities, the consequences for them both is a jolt that awakens them to something harrowing - and unexplainable.

For Love of the Game (PG-13 – for brief strong language and some sexuality)
 Drama; Kevin Costner, Kelly Preston (138 mins.)
 This romantic drama takes a

provocative look into the professional and personal passions of Billy Chapel, a legendary baseball pitcher nearing the end of his career. Not only is he about to be traded after 20 years with the same team, but the woman he has been with for several years, is leaving him. In the midst of pitching a perfect game, he must make some serious decisions by the bottom of the ninth inning.

Stir of Echoes – for violence, sexuality and language)

Thriller; Kevin Bacon, Illeana Douglas, Kathryn Erbe (100 mins.)
 An ordinary man whose newfound ability to predict the future causes him to become embroiled in a shocking murder mystery. As the mystery becomes his obsession, he is driven to the brink of insanity.

Inspector Gadget (PG - for whacky violence/action, language and innuendo)

Comedy; Matthew Broderick (80 mins)
 In this live-action, big-screen adaptation of a popular television cartoon, Broderick stars as a gadget-wielding, bumbling

detective.

Dudley Do-Right (PG – for mild comic action violence and for some brief language and innuendo)
 Comedy; Brendan Fraser, Sarah Jessica Parker (82 mins.)
 A dedicated but hapless young Mountie discovers that the villainous Snidely Whiplash is planning to swindle all the local citizens out of their land with a fake gold rush scheme. It's up to Dudley to single-handedly expose Snidely's dastardly plot.

Blue Streak (PG-13 – for action violence, continuous language and some crude humor)
 Comedy; Martin Lawrence, Luke Wilson, David Chappelle (93 mins)
 When a talented jewel thief is involved in a \$20 million jewelry heist that goes bad, he is forced to hide the precious diamonds at a construction site. Three years later, he returns to pick up his loot only to find it is now a police precinct. He works as a detective, winning the admiration of his "fellow cops".

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Apartment with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths in excellent area of Rota, walking distance to restaurants, market and beach but in quiet

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RENTAL FEE.

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New attached house in Costa Ballena (new development between Rota & Chipiona) for sale. The house is located on the first line of the beach and surrounded by the golf course. Good orientation. 90 sq. meters on one floor, top quality materials, more than 40 sq. meters of yard, porch, fireplace and barbecue. Pre-installation for central air and city gas, fiber optics, underground garage and community pools. Call 956-306093 after 3 p.m. or leave message at 956-542997 (English).

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Efficacious Prayer To The Holy Ghost :

O Holy Ghost! Omnipotent Spirit of God above, take me as Thy disciple; Guide me, illuminate me and Sanctify me; Bind my hands that I may not do evil; Cover my eyes that I may not see it; Sanctify my heart that evil may not rest within me. Be Thou my God! Be Thou my guide! Wherever Thou leadest me I will go, Whatsoever Thou forbidest me, I will renounce, and whatsoever Thou commandest in Thy Strength I will do. Amen *Recite 7 Glory Be=s in honor of the Holy Ghost.* Jess Lopez

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F funds, and investors can lose money if the stock and bond markets fall. C Fund profits are unlimited, but investments ride the volatile stock market.

The F Fund rides the commercial bond market, offering moderate pay-offs at moderate risk. C Fund fiscal 1999 returns were 27.74 percent; F Fund investors lost .43 percent in fiscal 1999. All three funds were profitable for the 10 years ending in 1998: the C Fund earned 19.13 percent; the F Fund, 9.01 percent; and G Fund, 7.27 percent.

TSP participants also can qualify for low-interest loans from their own contributions and earnings while they are in federal service. The plan also allows limited in service withdrawals

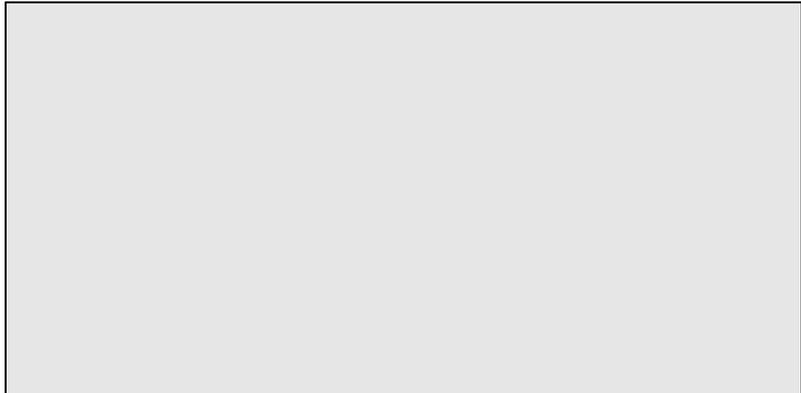
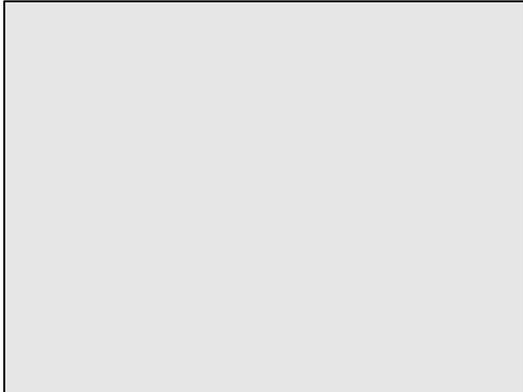
for financial hardship. Service members who leave federal service could do one of three things with their TSP accounts:

They could leave the money in TSP and let it continue to appreciate. They could not add new contributions, however, unless they returned to federal civilian or military service.

They could rollover their account into a comparable individual retirement account without paying early withdrawal penalty or taxes.

They could pay any penalties and taxes and take their money.

For more information how the Thrift Savings Plan works, the three investment funds and their historical earnings rates, visit the <http://www.tsp.gov>'s TSP's web site offices also have information.



SPORTS

DGF varsity cheerleading gears up for winter season

Meghan D. Linder

The DGF Varsity Cheerleaders have had an outstanding fall season and are looking forward to a strong winter season. This year the cheerleading squad is made up of 11 girls with two co-captains and a mascot (see photo). They practice four days a week and performs at all home football games and basketball games, but they rally to support all of the teams at DGF.



Back row from left to right: Mary Thomas, Danielle Kioussis, and Karla Laboy.
Front row: Christina Brock, Erica Bennett, Jessica Henderson, Amber Farmer, Monica Iannacone, Regina Lawton, Heather Brown and Whitney Crawley.

The remarkable thing about this squad is that there are many girls who have never cheered before and now, within a matter of months they are cheering at the varsity level. The team is sponsored by Karen Arruda and coached by Cynthia Kohee and Meghan Linder.

The cheerleaders will be running a try out when winter sports commence for an

additional set of DGF students that will be their "Stunt Squad". The stunters will perform with the cheerleaders as spotters and acrobats and especially as bases in their larger stunts. With the addition of the stunt squad comes the chance to perform with a large squad and to get the crowd excited and really into supporting the DGF Admirals.

Rota little theater

Tickets are on sale now for the next Rota Little Theater production, "The prisoner of second avenue", a comedy by Neil Simon. The show stars Chris Agar and Kim Jaramillo as the hysterical couple Mel and Edna Edison.

Show dates are Nov. 18-21 at 8 p.m. at the Sea View Pines amphitheater.

For more information or to purchase tickets please see any cast member or call John Neal at 626-38-0562 or Shannon Storey at 4419.

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Tiburones host Belgians: win first home meet

JOSN Justin Takasawa

Rota's swim team hosted their first home-meet Sunday September 31. The Tiburones beat their Belgian guests with a score of 228-214, said head coach Bob Allen.

The six-and-a-half hour meet was a success for the team and all of its members, said Allen.

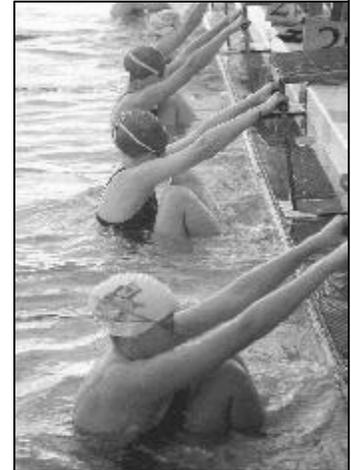
"Our kids set 22 team records in this meet alone," he said.

The children that swim for Rota have a busy year-round schedule, "The season lasts almost a year," he said.

"Right now we're scoring for the European championships," he said. Individuals that qualify will go on to perform in Munich, Germany in the European Forces League Championships, said Allen.

All together, the team is made up of around 60 athletes, Allen said. The swimming program is funded internally and parental support is necessary to keep things running.

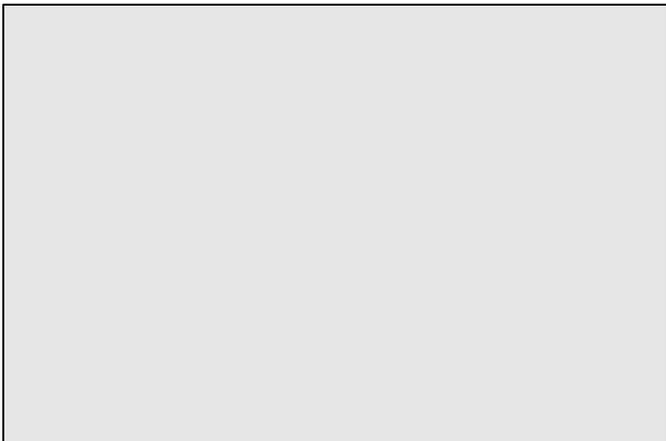
"We get most of our money through fund-raisers," said Allen. "The kids' parents are a super group of people to work with," he said. The parents continue to support their children on the swim team by attending events, raising



The back-strokers take their marks on the starting pads at Sunday's meet.

money and learning about the sport, said Allen.

DGF high school will now recognize swimming as a varsity letter sport, he said. The team, which is made up of both Spanish and U.S. military families, will attend another meet in Brussels November 27.



SPORTS

Rota base volunteers in golf championship Woods earns fourth straight victory

Lt. Bill Davis

As Brian Weinstein sat near the 17th green volunteering as the greens reporter at Valderrama Sunday afternoon, he got a perfect view of the approaching third shot of Tiger Woods as he chipped up onto the green of the par 5 hole.

But as fate would have it for many others that day, the Public Works program officer at Naval Station, Rota, witnessed something that took Woods and the hundreds of fans at the next-to-last hole in the World Golf Championship by surprise.

Woods' shot landed on the green and appeared to be well-played. But the slope of

the green and the well-trimmed fringe gave the ball a slight roll...roll...roll, right in the water hazard just yards in front of the green.

A penalty stroke and four shots later gave Woods a triple bogey, dropping him out of the lead from 9-under-par to 6-under-par.

Miguel Angel Jimenez, who was two matches behinds Woods, now had the lead at 7-under-par.

Many of the 30-or-so base volunteers for the four-day tournament gathered at the 18th hole to see the finish. Manny Saavedra, Dave Brightwell, Jim Nogle, and John Thomas Duncan, congregated at the already crowded final hole, but with their tan shirts or green jackets

signifying them as volunteers, some were able to get 'inside the ropes' for a front-row seat.

Throughout the tourney, they had volunteered their time as greens reporters, walking scorers and marshals.

Woods pars out the 18th, leaving him at 6-under-par.



Trace Kea, right, a volunteer from Naval Station Rota awaits teh shot of David Frost during Thursday's round. As a walking scorer, he was responsible for keeping the player's scores and giving them to the greens reporter



Tiger Woods takes time out of his first round of golf to sign autographs during the championship. Some of Rota's volunteers took advantage of the practice rounds earlier in the week to get autographs from the world's top players.



Following his victory in the World Golf Championship, Tiger Woods gives a golf clinic Monday to a group which includes 20 children from Naval Station Rota.



Jimenez, who lives in nearby Malaga, soon pars 17, and the roar of the crowds signify that even before his score is placed on the board.

At 7-under-par, all Jimenez needs to do is to get a par on the 18th, and the victory is his. But he drops a stroke with a bogey, and a play-off is forced between Woods and Jimenez.

The first play-off hole is the 18th, and Woods' tee shot is in the fairway, while Jimenez's shot goes into the ruff behind a large tree on the left-hand side.

Jimenez then sees more trouble as he hits his second shot into a bunker on the right-hand side of the green, just yards away from where the Rota volunteers have gathered.

Woods pars out, while Jimenez gets a bogey, securing Woods as the champion and \$1,000,000 richer.

The world's top-ranked golfer became the first player since Ben Hogan in 1953 to make four U.S. Tour victories in a row, and it was also his eighth victory this year. Of the 62 players in this year's tournament, only three finished under par.

The American Express Championship will play again next year at Valderrama before heading back to the U.S. in 2001.

It's no doubt that Rota volunteers will again come out for a chance to get face-to-face with the world's best the sport of golf has to offer.

